

EDITORS OF STATE NEWSPAPERS CAUTERIZE DISGRACEFUL MEANS USED TO BEAT CHANDLER BILL

The views of the press on the defeat of the Chandler bill and the disgraceful scene that attended it are expressed in the following clippings from State newspapers:

A Disgraceful Exhibition

(New Haven Union.)
The minority report on the public utilities commission, familiarly known as the Chandler-Whitton bill, was defeated in the lower House of our General Assembly yesterday by vote of 105 to 108. This is the bill that was offered as a substitute measure for the Barnum bill, passed by the Senate day before yesterday.

Its defeat was only accomplished after one of the most disgraceful episodes in the history of Connecticut politics. While the vote was being called the railroad lobby boldly invaded the House and brazenly conducted a button-holing campaign among the representatives.

The lobby threw caution to the winds. Members were openly coaxed, threatened, and urged to change their votes. The railroad lobby began to work. A representative from Hartford county, who had voted for the Chandler bill, was called to the roll call—Hastings, by name, changed his vote.

At this time the railroad crowd was very busy. A protest was again made against their activity and Mr. Chandler moved that the floor be cleared. Speaker Banks ordered everybody off the House floor except the ladies, the members of the press and State officers. Reluctantly the lobby left the Assembly room like Shakespeare's "winning schoolboy" with his satchel and shining morning face, creeping like a small unwillingly to school.

A few last button-holing shots were fired by the railroad clique as it slowly filed out, as pretty a crew as ever scuttled a ship. Their dirty work had already been done and they were quite willing to drink one of the precious cordials which they know so well. Helm, Hartford county, Williams, Litchfield county, both of whom had voted for the Chandler bill, were called to the roll call for the Chandler-Whitton bill, followed Hastings' lead in changing their votes. Burke of Hartford county, who also had voted for the Chandler bill, changed to be excused from voting at all on the ground that he was paired.

This changed the vote from 107 to 105 in favor of the Chandler bill, and the Speaker promptly declared the bill lost. A motion to adjourn till next Tuesday was carried and this leaves the whole matter of the adoption or rejection of the Barnum bill in the air till that time.

Power of the Lobby.

(New Haven Palladium.)
Of all the measures it has been introduced in the lobby at this session of the General Assembly has asserted itself most forcibly in the matter of the public utilities project. With this measure the lobby is going to the aid of two things—defeat the project entirely by causing disagreeing action between the Senate and the House, a condition which now prevails, or by causing the House to adopt, as the Senate has already done, the Barnum bill. We have already expressed our opinion as to the relative merits of the two measures before the Legislature. Merit, however, does not seem to be entering into the matter more, the situation seems to be a case of the lobby against the people. We have had good cause to complain of the lower branch of the General Assembly for the popular attitude it has shown in certain matters, and we have done so. But like the cow that gave the full pail of milk and then kicked it over in the present standing of our House of Representatives. We cannot with propriety condemn the members of this august assembly if in their wisdom they thought it best to defeat the Chandler bill, so-called. We can, however, condemn them for permitting the vote to be taken in the manner it was. No legislative body of the people should permit paid lobbyists to work in its meeting room when a vote is being taken on a disgraceful exhibition of the lobby was made in the House on Thursday afternoon. It was an imposition on the honest people of the State and a blot unremovable in the careers of those who permitted, without protest, the disgraceful conditions to prevail. It showed the grip the lobby has on the affairs of the people—a manifestation of infamous power.

Popular Demand Increased.

(Waterbury American.)
The people of the state are not likely to be as much concerned over the fate of the Barnum bill and the Chandler amendment as they are over the incidents attending the defeat of the latter and the bare saving of the former. The newspaper reports say that the floor of the House was crowded with lobbyists personally soliciting members to vote against the Chandler amendment. Repeatedly protests were made by the members of the House against the presence and the conduct of these lobbyists. The Speaker, after the situation had become intolerable, ordered the floor cleared. Such an incident has not been witnessed in the Connecticut Legislature in many years. Whatever the final result in the matter of a utilities bill, whether the Chandler bill will get another chance next week, or the Barnum bill will finally prevail, it will not be apt to remove the impression made by the common report of the lobbyist form of legislation. The effect will be to intensify popular demand for legislation regulating public utilities and to strengthen the prejudice against the dangerous influence which the corporations can exert on the Legislature when they think they have anything at stake warranting a costly effort.

The Utility Bill.

(New Haven Leader.)
It will be a tremendous mistake if the general assembly runs away without doing anything but run, from the public utilities question. There is room for agreement between the two branches, and persistent obstinacy, which resulted in failure to get together, would be a grave political blunder as well as an affront to the sentiment of the thinking people of Connecticut. As for the public service corporations themselves it would be money in their pockets to secure a reasonable, conservative measure while they can get it.—The Courant.

In the debate yesterday Mr. Scott of Plymouth and other speakers declared with emphasis that the Barnum bill only can secure a majority vote in the Senate.

If this is true the only "room for agreement" is the House alone.

The Barnum bill or nothing—that's the ultimatum—and Mr. Burnes of Greenwich cracked the party whip and declared that the welfare of the Republic and the public demand that a bill be passed and that the Barnum bill is the only measure to which the Senate will agree.

In the final vote in the Senate, 18 senators voted for the Barnum bill which gives to the railroads greater powers than they now have and takes from the people valuable rights without the slightest compensating benefits, so far as the railroads or public service properties controlled by them are concerned.

We do not think the welfare of the Republic depends upon the welfare of any party depends upon the passage of the Barnum bill and unless it can be so amended as to remove its unjust features it should never be allowed a place upon the statute books of Connecticut.

The Height of Folly.

(Waterbury Republican.)
What fools our captains of industry sometimes are? They imagine that they won a victory on Thursday afternoon in the House by setting aside the righteous Chandler bill for the misbegotten Barnum bill. They thought they were going to settle the question of public utilities legislation by turning loose their swarm of lobbyists. They did take the House by surprise, and with a large number of members absent, some gone home because they supposed nothing would be accomplished after the recess, turn a trick by bribes, promises or threats.

But this question of public policy is not to be settled by the gray wolves of the lobby amid such scandalous scenes as characterized the closing of the House session yesterday. Members changed their votes after they had responded to the roll-call, three protests of this kind have been made in the House against lobbyists interfering with members, and when the floor was cleared over a score of corporation attorneys, according to the New Haven Palladium report, left the floor, "with others."

Things like these cannot be hidden or forgotten while there are honest newspapers in the state to tell about them, and honest voters to resent them. The corporations would have done better to take the advice offered by the Republican some weeks ago—to send their lobbyists home and work for a reasonable bill. Either this session or next, there will be a bill that will not be reasonable. Chandler would chastise them with whips, but some other fellow will chastise them with scorplings.

Banish the Lobby

(Waterbury Republican.)
The rejection of the Chandler amendment in the House demonstrates that the same old Consolidated Railway Co., is still in power and in a situation to use it. The Barnum bill, conceived and shaped in the sanctum of the big corporation, was a good enough utilities bill for it, and when it became evident that after passing the Senate it was likely to be killed in the House, the lobby forces were called out with the result of rejecting the minority substitute by the narrow margin of two votes. Without a lobbyist in sight there is no doubt but that it would have passed and the spectacle of well known corporation lawyers circulating here and there among the members during the call of the House is a clean cut commentary upon the necessity of eliminating the lobbyist form of legislation. Several members changed their votes after the call had begun.

Barring the lobbyist from the Capitol is of much more importance than the fate of any bill.

Barnum Bill Endorsed

(New Britain Herald.)
Contrary to expectations and despite all predictions to the contrary the House in so far as the action thus far taken is concerned, is opposed to the minority report on the public utilities bill and is in favor of the Barnum measure which eliminates the railroad and trolley business from supervision by the proposed commission. The vote yesterday was a test of the strength of each report and the result was in favor of the Barnum bill.

It isn't the best measure, but it appears to be the only one that has any chance of passing. The whole matter seems to have resolved itself into a question of half a loaf or no bread, and in the present famished condition of the state the former is the more preferable.

The Lobby

(Hartford Post.)
There has been much talk of corruption by the lobby all during the present session of the Legislature, and a general disposition to spread abroad the impression that the lobby is responsible for much bad legislation. Isn't the impression a far-fetched one? The lobby has no voice on the floor of either house. It has no vote in either house. All the bills that are enacted by the chosen representatives of the people of the State who are responsible to their constituents.

The lobby is not entitled to the pocket, but to its employers. The lobby is accused of bribing and buying legislators. In so doing it fulfills the mission on which it is sent to the Capitol, and thus is faithful to its employers and its employers' interests. It cannot bribe nor buy legislators who are not for sale. It cannot corrupt men who are incorruptible. It cannot make an inherently honest man dishonest. It cannot turn a real patriot into a traitor.

The lobbyist who buys is faithful to his trust. The legislator who sells is false to his. Thus the lobbyist is the better man of the two.

Where is the real fault? With the people who send weak or crooked men to represent them at the Capitol. When a supposedly honest legislator goes home beseeched with even the suspicion of bribery, it is not enough to say, "Another hoodlum among the fitting phrase is: 'You can't get blood out of a turnip.'"

When the people send none but honest men to the Legislature, none but honest men will return, and the lobby's occupation will be gone.

MURDER CHARGE AGAINST OFFICER IN SUTTON CASE

(Special from United Press.)
Annapolis, Aug. 7.—A murder charge of murder has been placed against one of the officers engaged in the brawl in which Lieutenant James N. Sutton, of the Marine Corps, met death. When the court of inquiry convened this morning it was in secret session, to hear read a number of letters written by Mrs. Sutton, the mother of the dead officer, who in demanding a re-opening of the case admits she did "not hesitate to call a spade a spade," and in one letter made a criminal charge against one of the officers, calling him by name.

DIED.

MURPHY.—In this city, August 5, 1909. James J. Murphy, aged 30 years. —Friends are invited to attend the funeral from the residence of his aunt, Miss Anne Murphy, No. 175 Clay street, New Haven, on Sunday, August 8, at 2:30 p. m. —Interment at St. Bernard cemetery, New Haven.

GORMLEY.—In this city, August 6. John J. son of John and Ann Gormley. —Friends are invited to attend the funeral from the residence of the parents, No. 511 Pembroke street, on Sunday, August 8, at 2:30 p. m. from St. Mary's church at 3:30 p. m. —Interment at St. Michael's cemetery.

Requiem high mass at St. Mary's church Tuesday, at 7:30 a. m.

WILSON.—In this city, Aug. 7, 1909. Sarah P., widow of James Wilson, aged 91 years, 3 months. —Friends are invited to attend the funeral at her late residence, No. 881 Seaview avenue, on Tuesday, August 10th, at 2:30 p. m. —Interment at the convenience of the family. L7b

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MORGAN TIPS KING EDWARD

(Special from United Press.)
New York, Aug. 7.—According to well authenticated sources in Wall street, King Edward of England has cleared \$1,000,000 in United States Steel in the last three months on a tip given him by J. P. Morgan.

According to these stories, Morgan talked at length with King Edward three months ago at Windsor Castle. Within a short time the King's agents in Wall street had purchased 50,000 shares of Steel Common at figures averaging about 52. Steel today is selling at 76 1/2. Wall street figures that King Edward made more than \$1,000,000.

Steel Common is selling today at the highest price in its history, having gone up five points in the past week. The price is now 35 points above the low record of this year which was reached in February when the trust announced the "open market."

The lowest Steel Common has ever reached was 20 at which price it was sold in 1907.

BURGLARS ENTER RAILROAD DEPOTS

The ticket offices in the Newtown and Stepany railroad stations were entered last night. The jobs are believed to be the work of tramps who make these stations an annual visit. No tickets were disturbed. At the Newtown station the side door was forced, the long distance telephone booth broken open and the cash drawer ransacked. But a few pennies were in the drawer. The telephone booth contents were not large. In Stepany a side window was forced and the door from the waiting room into the ticket office was forced. Ninety-two cents in pennies in the cash drawer were taken. Here the telephone booth was broken open, but the haul here could not have been large, as the receipts were only collected this morning. None of the other stations along the road report that their places were entered. The burglars passed the Bowdoin station in going from Newtown to Stepany, but made no attempt to enter it.

FLOATING SPILE STRUCK SEABOARD

It is believed that the Merchant line steamer Seaboard ran into a floating pile yesterday when her rudder was carried away as she was leaving her dock. A pile 30 feet long was found in the river at the dock of the New England Navigation Company yesterday afternoon. It is supposed to have made its way from Congress street, where many piles are being used in the foundations of the new bridge.

The Federal statutes impose a heavy fine and imprisonment upon those who willfully permit obstructions dangerous to vessels to get into navigable waters. The Seaboard was towed to New York this morning with her cargo. Her rudder will be taken by a lighter until her rudder is replaced.

BUSINESS BOOMING

(Continued from First Page.)
ement building will be erected at East Main and Nichols sts., for Antonio Fraenza. The structure will be four stories high, of brick, with gravel roof. There will be three stories on the ground floor and the upper floors will be arranged for nine tenements of four and five rooms each.

Plans are being figured for an addition to the plant of the Smith & Egge Mfg. Co. It will be one story high, of brick, 42x50 feet, will be a saw-tooth roof.

Plans are being figured for a brick block on Fairfield avenue for Jennings Bros. It will be a brick structure, 25x55 feet, two stories high, with a gravel roof. The ground floor will be arranged for a store, with lots above.

The contract has been let to build a two family house on French st., for J. M. Blackman.

The plans have been drawn for a handsome residence in Milford for Clark Wilcox of Brooklyn.

Work will be started at once on two houses on Carroll avenue for Adolph Kesting.

The foundations have been completed for the three-family house for Rosa Mailey on Nichols street. The plans show a frame house 28x44, feet arranged for tenements of five rooms, provided with furnace heat and conveniences.

GERMAN DAY WILL BE NOTABLE EVENT

The general committee of the German Central Verband will celebrate its first anniversary tomorrow evening to arrange the part the Bridgeport organizations are to play in State German Day celebration at Meriden, August 15. Five hundred persons will go from Bridgeport, headed by the Wheeler & Wilson band. There will be many members of the women's organizations in attendance. Probably a special train will carry the delegation.

Charles Keller, superintendent of the free employment bureau, has been chosen by the Central Verband as its delegate to the German American General Verband, which holds its annual meeting at Cincinnati, in October. This organization will defray the expenses of its delegates.

MASSACHUSETTS GOES 70 MILES

(Special from United Press.)
Pittsfield, Mass., Aug. 7.—Sheldon Whitehouse, secretary to Ambassador Reid in London, his brother, Henry Whitehouse of New York, with William Van Fleet as pilot, who started from Pittsfield at 4 o'clock this morning in the balloon "Massachusetts," landed at 3 o'clock in East Litchfield, Conn., having made a 70 mile trip.

Result a Surprise

(Ansonia Sentinel.)
The lobby is credited with having defeated the minority utilities measure in the House of the Connecticut legislature, yesterday, and the margin of victory was only two votes. The result was a surprise not only in Hartford but throughout the state. It was supposed that the minority report would have little difficulty in winning out in the House, and that the House would remain at loggerheads with the House, with the possible result that nothing would be done, or at least that a conference would probably prove unsatisfactory. Instead, however, the House is now in a fair way to coincide with the Senate in the passage of the Barnum bill, after which it will be up to the governor to appoint the commission for which measures have been introduced. It will be some of the most important which any Governor of Connecticut, in recent years, has had the responsibility of making.

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THREE CRACK OARSMEN WHO COMPETE IN SINGLE SCULLS AT DETROIT REGATTA



The entry list for the annual rowing regatta of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen at Detroit, Aug. 6 and 7 comprises sixty-five crews, numbering the best amateur oarsmen in the United States and Canada. The list for the eleven big events is practically the same as it was last year, but is a far more representative one. Eastern oarsmen expect to play a prominent part in the regatta. One event on the program which promises to furnish a great deal of speculation is the single sculls. This contest will have the largest number of entrants—fourteen. The championship single sculls has but three contestants. This event will bring John O'Neill of Hartford, Conn., and Fred Shepherd of the New York Athletic Club together, and a similar battle to that which was fought last year is expected to take place. Eastern oarsmen expect to play a prominent part in the regatta. One event on the program which promises to furnish a great deal of speculation is the single sculls. 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